

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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Week 5 - 19th August 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to everyone who visited the school over the last couple of weeks to participate in Education Week, Book Week and Science Week activities. It has been wonderful to see so many families engaging with our school and students and staff have loved having you be part of our activities. I'd like to recognise and offer special thanks to Mr Woolridge who has worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to organise fun, engaging learning opportunities and exciting events for our whole school community to enjoy!

Michelle Dalgliesh

Reminders-

-The school is still collecting donations for a gift basket to be raffled as part of a local community fundraiser for Trent Williams. Donations of gifts would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office.

-As the days are warming up, many students are shedding jumpers throughout the day and our lost property bin is quickly filling up again. Please ensure ALL jumpers and hats are labelled with student names to assist us with reuniting lost property with the correct owners.

-It is a very busy term with many different events happening each week. Please remember to read the whole newsletter carefully for dates, times and important information.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Mon/Tues– Student Conferences	Wednesday– Small Schools Big Impact Concert	4 Sep– Kindy 2020 Teddy Bear's Picnic
Wednesday– Assembly 2.30pm	Friday 30 Aug– Father's Day Breakfast Tenpin Bowling 3-6 Coutts Cup Calcutta	11 Sep– School Musical at SGHS 17 Sep– Kindy 2020 Transition starts
Thursday– Book Bank PJ Day gold coin donation	Saturday 31 Aug– Coutts Cup Race Day	20 Sep– Dudley Jones Tennis
Friday– Tenpin Bowling 3-6		



Classroom News - Library

Well it certainly has been an exciting and educational time at school. Since our last newsletter the students, staff and parents have been involved in many exciting activities to support National Science Week. During our science lessons students have been constructing a variety of flight models – helicopters and space shuttles. Additionally, students have been busily designing, modifying and constructing paper planes. This culminated in the school's annual Paper Plane Challenge. Congratulations to our student winners - Jett, Mason, Liegh and Pedro. It was wonderful to see so many staff, parents and friends compete in the adults' competition as well. Congratulations to the winner, Damien, whose last throw pipped Mrs Conyard.



Friday saw the students engage in a variety of augmented reality experiences. Augmented reality is where computer-generated content is overlaid on a real world environment – pictures can appear to come to life, dinosaurs can start walking around the classroom or we can look inside a body and see organs. Augmented reality apps are both entertaining and educational. The apps the students used are available free of charge. If you would like to know more ask your children about their experiences and please feel free to contact me for a demonstration.

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes on the 30th August. To date all K-2 students have qualified for the challenge and quite a few of our seniors have also completed the challenge. Well done boys and girls.

Peter Woolridge.

Book Bank-

This Thursday we will have a special presentation of books to our Year 3-6 students. Book Bank is a wonderful program that allows each student in years 3 to 6 to select a new book to keep, twice per year. Thank you to Koppers and Scholastic for your continued support and thank you to Mrs Conyard for organising.

PJ Fundraiser-

This Thursday 22nd August, Year 6 will hold their first fundraiser for the year, a PJ day. For a gold coin donation, students will be allowed to wear their favourite PJs to school, with funds raised going towards Year 6 graduation activities.

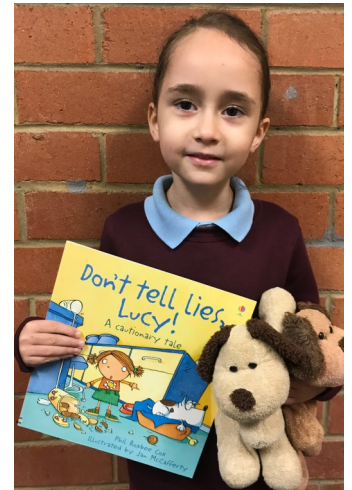
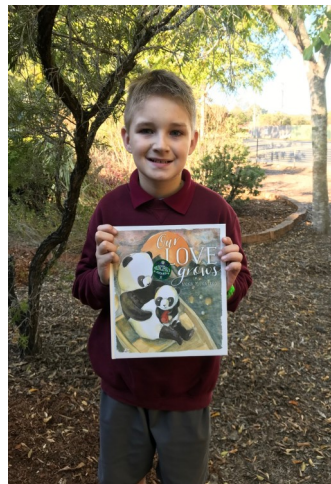
We do ask that PJs are appropriate for the weather conditions and provide adequate coverage to meet school sun safe requirements.

Father's Day Breakfast-

To acknowledge the importance of our dads, grandads and all significant males in our lives, we will be hosting a Father's Day breakfast on Friday 30th August. This will be a wonderful opportunity for dads, grandads and uncles to share some special time with their children. A BBQ breakfast will be served between 7.30am and 8.30am in the COLA. To assist with catering, please return notes to school by Monday 26th August.

100 nights home reading-

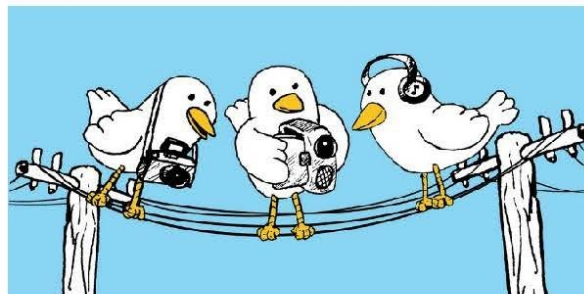
Congratulations to Milla, Lyla and Axel on achieving 100 nights home reading.



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

11TH SEPTEMBER
6.30PM

SOUTH GRAFTON
HIGH SCHOOL



GOLD COIN ENTRY
AT THE DOOR
PERFORMERS FREE

REFRESHMENTS FROM
6.00PM

A MUSICAL BY
COUTTS CROSSING PUBLIC SCHOOL

**For more information
call Lawrence PS on
66477354**



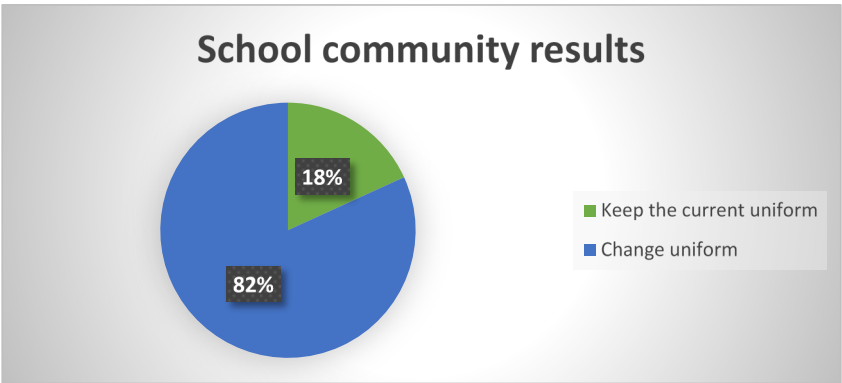
School uniforms-

Thank you to all families who provided feedback about the proposed change to our current school uniform. There was a good response from the community and results indicated overwhelming support for a change to one school polo shirt. The results will be discussed at the next P&C meeting and a committee will be formed to provide further feedback as we move forward with the design process.

Community and student survey results-
Coutts Crossing Public School Uniforms

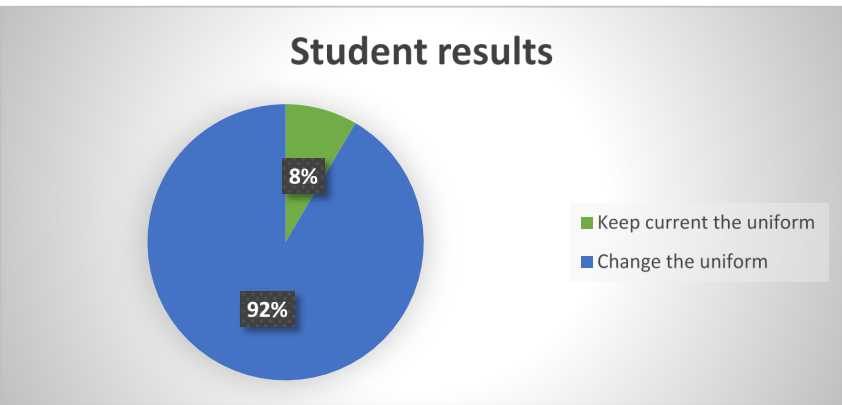
School community results

Options	% Votes
Keep the current school & sport uniform as it is now	18%
Change uniform to one unisex polo shirt with shorts/skort	82%



Student results

Options	% Votes
Keep the current school & sport uniform as it is now	8%
Change uniform to one unisex polo shirt with shorts/skort	92%



Student Teacher Conferences-

On Monday and Tuesday this week, all students K-6 will be participating in individual conferences with their classroom teacher to discuss their learning progress and receive specific feedback about how they can improve and move towards achieving their learning goals. These conferences also provide opportunities for students to discuss with their teachers any concerns they may be having at school. Conferencing provides personalised support for every child and helps students to be more engaged with their own learning journey.

Tenpin Bowl-

Students in years 3-6 had a fantastic time during their first visit to the bowling alley on Friday. Instructors demonstrated correct bowling stance, how to hold a bowling ball correctly and how to bowl strategically to target specific pins. We have some budding champion bowlers in our school with Lachlan scoring 111 and Tayla scoring 116! Great work kids!



You Can Do It-

This week in YCDI students in kindergarten will be continuing to focus on building confidence and learning to demonstrate confident behaviours in different settings around the school. Students in years 1-6 will be learning to identify feelings of worry, when they might occur, what to do about them and how to display resilience in difficult situations.

School musical-

Thank you to all families who have provided t-shirts for our upcoming school musical. Our teachers have been very busy decorating shirts and creating costumes ready for this fun event. All students K-6 will be wearing black pants for the musical. We will be holding a dress rehearsal in the coming weeks, so we are now asking all families to please send in their child's black pants/tights/leggings. If you are having difficulty providing black pants for your child, please contact the school for assistance.

Coutts Crossing Public School Transition to School Program

Coutts Crossing Public School
would like to invite all
Pre School age children to a

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Come along to our school and spend some time
having fun with our Kindergarten students, then
stay and share a picnic with us.

Date: Wednesday 4th September
Time: 9.30 - 11.00am

Please bring: Morning tea and a drink, a blanket
(optional) and don't forget Teddy.

Parents Welcome



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Our Transition to School Program will run each Tuesday
commencing on Tuesday 17th September.

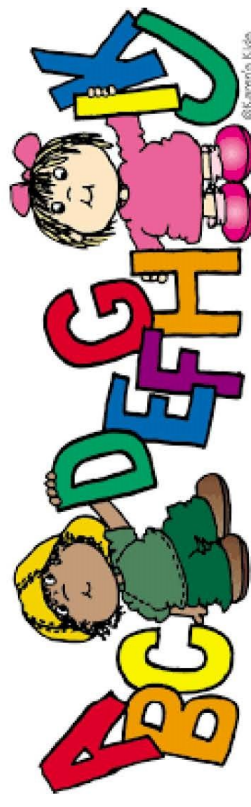
Time: 9.10am - 12.10pm

Children will need to bring a hat, little lunch, water and a piece
of fruit or vegetables (to eat during our Crunch and Sip time).

Please call our school office on 66493225 to let us know if your
child will be joining us for this great opportunity in getting ready
for 'Big School'.

We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Conyard
Kindergarten Teacher



@Karen's Kids

Coutts Crossing Transition Program Dates 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Below are the dates for Transition and times for transition 2019.

Term 3 Week 9 (17th September) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 3 Week 10 (24th September) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 1 (15th October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 2 (22nd October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 3 (29th October) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 4 (5th November) - 1/2 Day Transition 9.10 - 12.10

Term 4 Week 5 (12th November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Children bring recess, lunch, water and something for Crunch and Sip

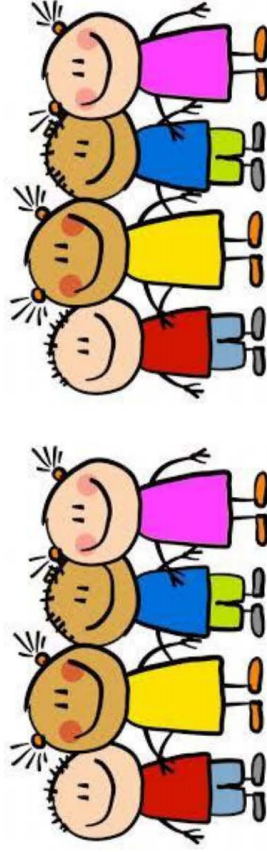
Term 4 Week 6 (19th November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

Term 4 Week 7 (26th November) - Full Day Transition 9.10 - 3.10

We will also have our Orientation Meeting for parents and Carers at 9.30 - 11.00 in our school hall on this day.

Kind Regards

Jo Conyard



Coutts Crossing Cup



Calcutta

Join us at Coutts Tavern for the Coutts Crossing Cup Calcutta
on Friday 30th August—
\$2 tickets on sale from 6pm
Calcutta drawn at 8.00pm

Race Day - CEPS P&C Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, 31st August, 2019

WHERE: Grafton Racecourse

TIME: Buses leave Coutts Tavern at 11.00 am
and will return after the last race

COST: \$15.00 per person

WHICH INCLUDES:-

Sausage Sizzle at the tavern - 10.00am
Bus to the racecourse & return
1 free drink at the racecourse